

Senate Study Bill 1135 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON KLIMESH)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the display of a special registration
2 sticker on certain motor vehicles in lieu of a front
3 registration plate, and making penalties applicable.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.37, subsection 1, Code 2023, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other
4 than an autocycle, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, or truck
5 tractor shall be attached to the motor vehicle, one in the
6 front and the other in the rear. However, subject to the
7 conditions set forth in section 321.37A, a person may display
8 a special registration sticker on the motor vehicle in lieu
9 of attaching a front registration plate. The registration
10 plate issued for an autocycle, motorcycle, or other vehicle
11 required to be registered ~~hereunder~~ under this chapter shall be
12 attached to the rear of the vehicle. The registration plate
13 issued for a truck tractor shall be attached to the front of
14 the truck tractor. The special plate issued to a dealer shall
15 be attached on the rear of the vehicle when operated on the
16 highways of this state.

17 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **321.37A Special registration sticker.**

18 1. Upon application and payment of a fee of fifty dollars,
19 the department shall issue a special registration sticker
20 to the owner of a motor vehicle other than an autocycle,
21 motorcycle, motorized bicycle, truck tractor, or motor vehicle
22 operating under a special plate issued to a dealer. The
23 special registration sticker may be displayed on the driver's
24 side of the motor vehicle's windshield. A special registration
25 sticker so displayed must not be placed so as to interfere with
26 the driver's view of the highway. If the special registration
27 sticker is displayed in accordance with this section, the motor
28 vehicle may be operated without the front registration plate
29 attached, provided that the front registration plate is carried
30 in the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is operated on
31 a public highway and is available to any peace officer for
32 inspection upon the officer's request.

33 2. A special registration sticker issued for a motor vehicle
34 is valid for one year and shall be issued at the same time and
35 expire at the same time as the vehicle registration plates or

1 validation sticker issued pursuant to section 321.34.

2 3. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
3 providing for the design of the special registration sticker.

4 4. The fees collected by the department under this section
5 shall be remitted to the treasurer of state and deposited in
6 the road use tax fund.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill authorizes the department of transportation (DOT)
11 to issue a motor vehicle special registration sticker that
12 may be displayed on the driver's side of the windshield of
13 certain motor vehicles. If the special registration sticker
14 is so displayed, the motor vehicle may be operated without the
15 front registration plate attached. The front registration
16 plate must be carried in the vehicle at all times when the
17 vehicle is operated on a public highway and must be available
18 to any peace officer for inspection upon the officer's request.
19 Requirements for the display of a rear registration plate and
20 annual validation sticker are not altered by the bill.

21 The fee for a special registration sticker is \$50. The fees
22 collected by the DOT for special registration stickers must be
23 remitted to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road
24 use tax fund. Under the bill, a special registration sticker
25 issued for a motor vehicle is valid for one year and must be
26 issued at the same time as the vehicle registration plates or
27 validation sticker, as applicable.

28 By operation of law, a violation of the provisions of the
29 bill is punishable by a scheduled fine of \$30.